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Dear Sir:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the second paragraph on page 3 with the following rewritten paragraphs:

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Figs. 2a-2c schematically show different positions of the card stop of the inventive card reader when the card has not yet been inserted (Fig. 2a), when the card has been inserted partly (Fig. 2b) and when the card has been completely inserted (Fig. 2c); and

Please replace the third paragraph on page 3 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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Figs. 3a-3c schematically show different positions of the card stop of the inventive card reader when the card has not yet been inserted (Fig. 3a), when the card has been inserted partly (Fig. 3b) and when the card has been almost